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TAGS: MARR, MOPS, PFOR

SUBJ: POSSIBLE USN VISIT TO DJIBOUTI

REF: STATE 180069, OCT 1972

1. MID-FEBURAR VISIT TO DJIBOUTI BY ELEMENTS OF US
SEVENTH FLEET, INCLUDING NUCLEAR-POWERED USNS BAINBRIDGE
(DLGN), NOW UNDER ACTIVE CONSIDERATION. WE FORESEE NO
DIFFICULTY WITH CONVENTIONALLY POWERED USN SHIPS (COMIDEAST-
FOR HAS REGULARLY VISITED DJIBOUTI) BUT POSSIBLE PROBLEM
ARISES WITH RESPECT TO NPW VISIT (REFTEL).

2. APPRECIATE SOONEST EMBASSY'S IN-HOUSE ASSESSMENT, IN
CONSULTATION WITH USDAO, OF PROBABLE GOF REACTION TO VISIT
REQUEST FOR BAINBRIDGE AND SEVERAL ACCOMPANYING CONVEN-
TIONALLY-POWERED SHIPS, INCLUDING:

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A. WHETHER GOF WOULD BE OPPOSED IN PRINCIPLE TO NPW

VISIT TO DJIBOUTI;

B. PROBABLE GOF POSITION ON APPLICATION DECREE LAW
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C. WHETHER SUCH REQUEST WOULD REOPEN MORE GENERAL
ISSUES CONCERNING US NPW ACCESS TO PORTS OF METROPOLITIAN
FRANCE IN MANNER INIMICAL TO US INTEREST.

3. FYI APPLICATION DECREE LAW TO DJIBOUTI AMBIGUOUS AND
STILL UNDER STUDY HERE. IF RESEARCH PLUS ANY SUPPLEMENTARY
INFO EMBASSY MAY HAVE SUGGESTS ANY POSSIBILITY LEGAL
QUESTION CAN BE FINESSED IN OUR FAVOR, PRELIMINARY
WASHINGTON JUDGEMENT IS THAT VISIT REQUEST WORTH
SUBMITTING. REJECTION WOULD IN ANY EVENT HELP TO
ESTABLISH HOW RIGIDLY FRENCH NPW VISIT POLICY WILL BE
APPLIED IN FRANCH TERRITORIES.
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